

# The West Watch

Neighborhood Group

# THE REPORTER

MAY 2011

WEST END YOUTH CENTER  
20<sup>TH</sup> AND GREENLEAF STREETS  
MEETING 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> - 7PM**

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\*REPORT a POTHOLE\*  
The "Pothole" hotline is  
610.437.8775  
to report a pothole.

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## GOING GREEN!

We are pleased to announce that The West Watch is going green! Our newsletter will be available in electronic format via e-mail and at our website, [www.thewestwatch.org](http://www.thewestwatch.org). Limited paper copies of our newsletter will be available at local businesses and at our monthly meetings. By doing this, we will be greener of course, but we will also be able to be more efficient at providing information to you on a more timely basis. If you have not done so already, please provide/update your e-mail address with us.

## Guest Speaker in June

Allentown Police Officer Michael Mancini will be on hand along with his K-9 partner Officer Sem! These officers are a part of Allentown's patrol & narcotics K-9 division, and are our city's most experienced K-9 officers. Please join us to view a demonstration and of course ask questions and learn about our city's K-9 unit.

- New email Address? Send it to us at [Secretary@thewestwatch.org](mailto:Secretary@thewestwatch.org)
- Donations may be mailed to The West Watch at 3140B Tilghman St #243 Allentown PA 18104

### *Check your lights*

Recently, I had heard that one of our neighbors cars was broken into while it was parked in his driveway which is in behind his home. When I spoke with our neighbor, who shares an alley with me, I was shocked to hear that his motion sensor light was not an effective deterrent...until he later confessed that it had been broken a few years ago and never fixed. That weekend, I made it a priority to have a motion sensor light installed on my garage to illuminate our alley. For about \$30 at our local hardware store, we purchased and installed a great light fixture and better yet, some piece of mind!

### *Meeting Minutes*

TWW Meeting 05/10/2011

What a great meeting, primarily because Police Captain Morris was on hand to speak with our group about the advantages of going green! Please check out our website and also our facebook page for current real time information and our most recent newsletter. In addition, Captain Morris also spoke at length to our group about Disruptive Conduct Reports. The information he provided was a shock to most of us—especially in learning that a noise complaint is not always deemed a “DCR”. He did inform our group that in calling any noise complaints in, especially if it concerns a rental property, to specifically mention Disruptive Conduct. Stay tuned for a follow up meeting about this information.

### **Numbers To Know**

<b>Police-Fire-Ambulance</b>	911
<b>Police –Non-emergency</b>	610-437-7751
<b>Chief Maclean</b>	610-437-7777
<b>Police—Vice Unit</b>	610-437-7726
<b>State Rep. Jennifer Mann</b>	610-821-5577
<b>State Sen. Pat Browne</b>	610-821-8468
<b>City Planning</b>	610-437-7613
<b>Recycling/ Graffiti Removal</b>	610-437-8729
<b>Code Enforcement</b>	610-437-7695
<b>Mayor Pawlowski</b>	610-437-7546
<b>Health Bureau</b>	610-437-7760
<b>Zoning office</b>	610-437-7630

### ***CHEC-Mate Program***

Report all suspicious activity anonymously by becoming a CHEC-mate (Citizens Helping Eliminate Crime) Member. Come to our monthly meeting and ask for a card and/or get a few for your Allentown friends or neighbors. Please don't sit silent and expect others to call the police. Everyone has to take responsibility to report suspicious activity when they see it. We can only begin to clean up Allentown when good people come together and say we will no longer put up with illegal activity.

### ***City Ordinance Awareness***

Did you know...

Dog licenses are required for all dogs who are 3 months of age or older. All dogs & cats ages 3 months or old must have a rabies vaccine. All animals, including cats, must be confined to their owners' property or if off their owners' property must be on a leash. All fecal matter from all animals must be cleaned up within 24 hours, even if it is in the owners' fenced in yard. These ordinances have been put in place by our city to prevent public health and safety issues, **please remember that if you see a cat or dog without a leash in the neighborhood, please call the non-emergency phone number – 610-437-7751!**